

## REMARKS

The foregoing election is made in response to a restriction requirement proposed by the Office Action of January 27, 2005. In this respect, the Examiner directed Applicant to make an election to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-10 drawn to a magnetic chromatography method, or

Group II: Claims 11-17, drawn to a chromatographic test strip.

By this response, Applicant hereby elects to proceed with prosecution of those claims in Group II, namely, Claims 11-17. Applicant hereby withdraws Claims 1-10 and makes his election without traverse. In this regard, Applicant confirms its election to prosecute such claims per Applicant's preliminary amendment filed with the present divisional application on February 5, 2002.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that such claims elected herein be substantively examined. To the extent the Examiner has any questions or requires additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's counsel at the number listed below.

If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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